

Public Notice

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Nashville District

Application No. 200100933

Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Community Boat Dock Facilities and Harbor Excavation With Navigational Channel at Mile 476.3 R (Chickamauga Lake), Hamilton County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.**

APPLICANT: Jim Folkner

P.O. Box 15425

Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415

LOCATION: Tennessee River Mile 476.3 R, Chickamauga Lake

lat: 35-09-23 lon: 85-10-10 USGS - Daisy, Tennessee

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the construction of a community boat dock to be used by future members of the Gold Point Circle South Dock Association. The community dock would consist of 12 open slips to accommodate 12 boats total. The structure would be 115' wide x 105' long with a 30' x 6' walkway attached at each end to the shoreline. An area at the head of the cove would be excavated to accommodate the community dock. The dredge area would be approximately 140' wide x 150' long x 7' deep to accommodate the community dock and provide navigational depths during the winter drawdown. A dredged channel approximately 250' long x 30' wide x 4' deep would be needed from the community dock dredge area to reach navigational depths. The total amount of excavation required at the site for navigational purposes would be approximately 6,488 cubic yards of bottom material [community dock area (4,900 cy) and 1,111 cy for the navigation channel]. All excavation would occur in the dry during the winter drawdown of Chickamauga Lake.

Approximately 0.20 acres of emergent wetlands would be removed in the excavation process for the community dock area. The applicant proposes to mitigate for the wetland loss by creating 0.3 acres of emergent wetlands onsite and 1.0 acres of emergent wetlands offsite at an approved location on Poe Branch. The Poe Branch site and the wetlands created onsite would be placed in a permanent conservation easement.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service - Atlanta.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any Federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified

under the Endangered Species Act, and, therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

Other Federal, State, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation would require the applicant to obtain an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit for the proposed excavation work.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before November 18, 2001, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Carl R. Olsen, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7513. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to:

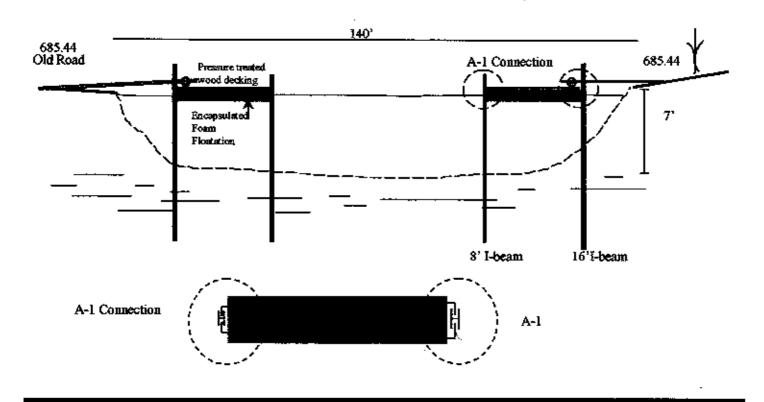
Mr. Ken Parr Tennessee Valley Authority Chickamauga/Nickajack Watershed Team 1101 Market Street (PSC 1E) Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801

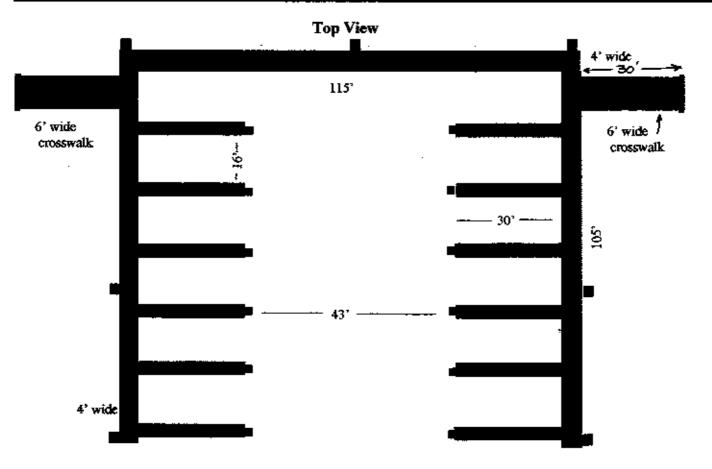


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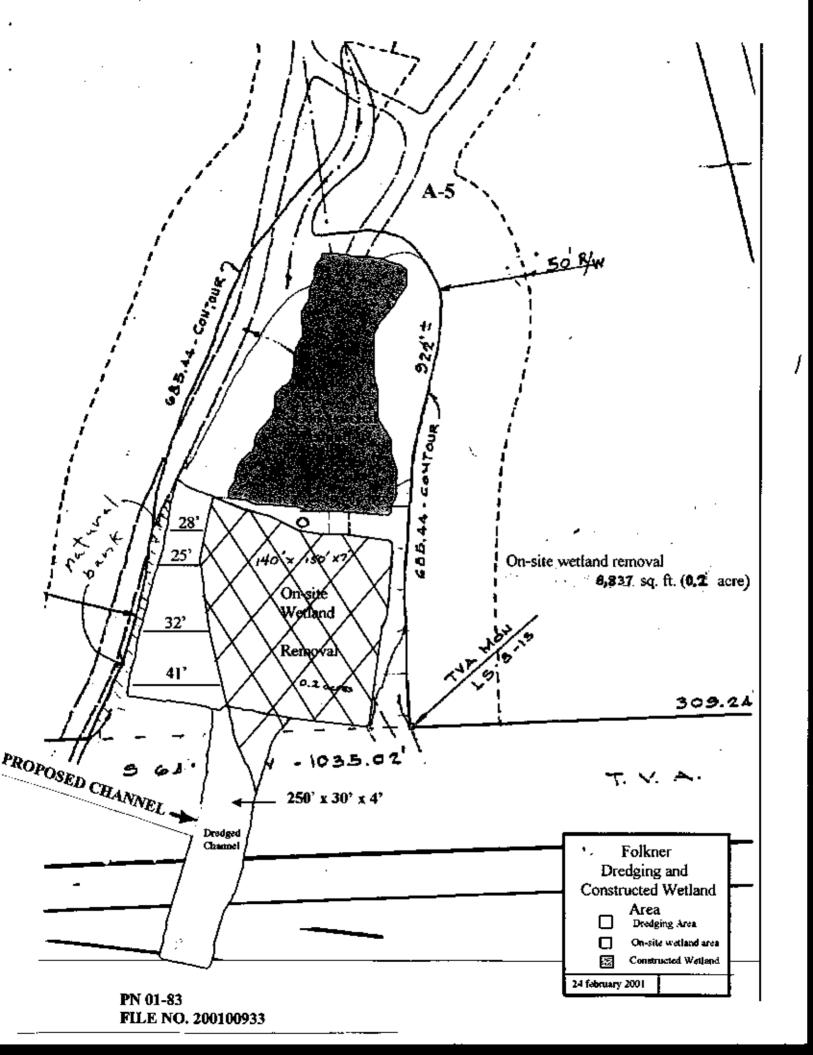
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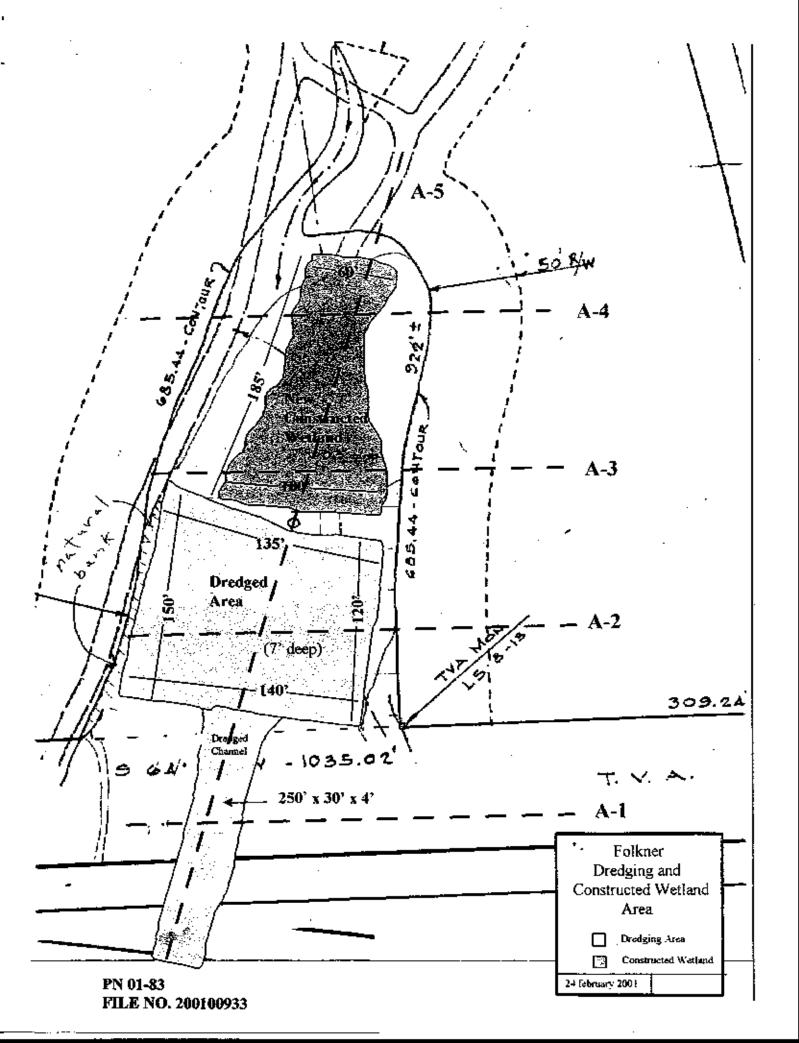
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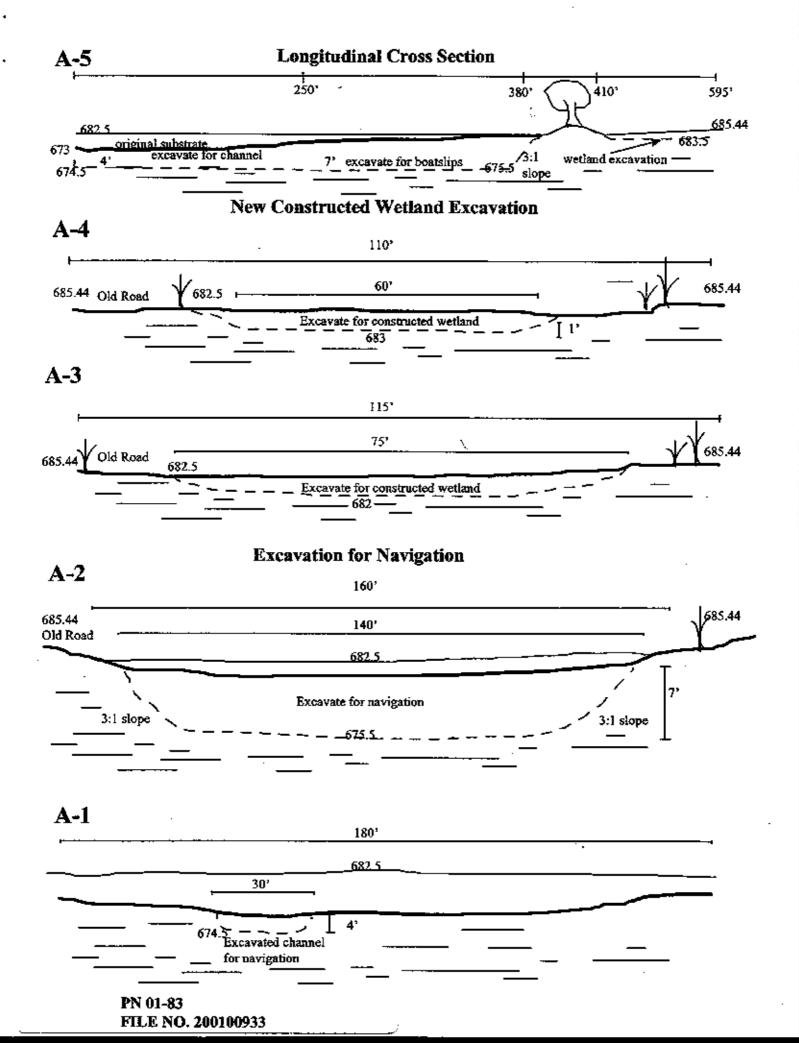


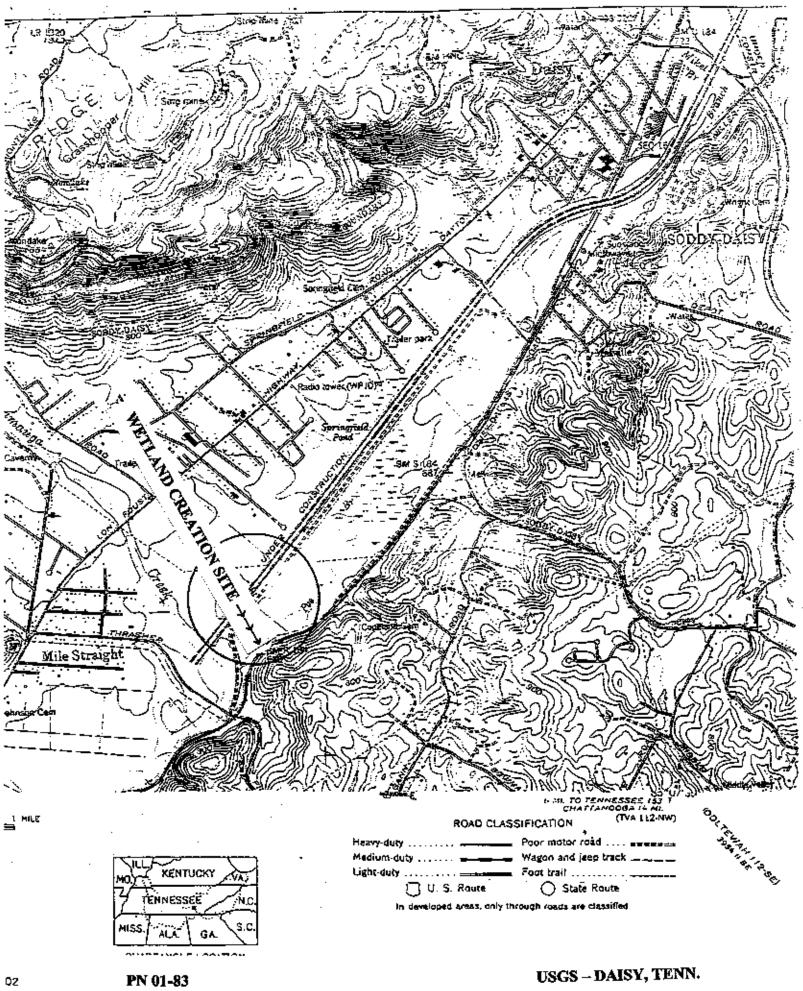


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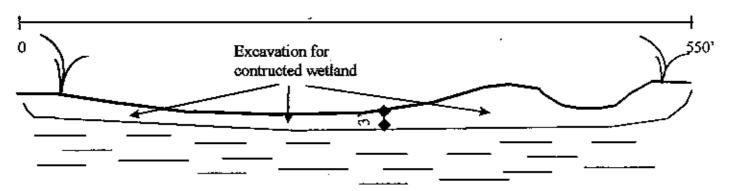




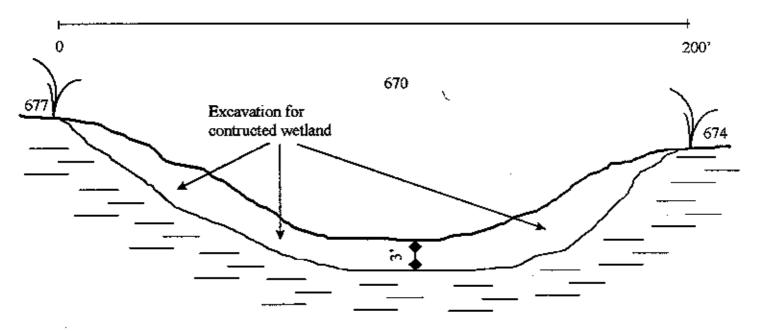
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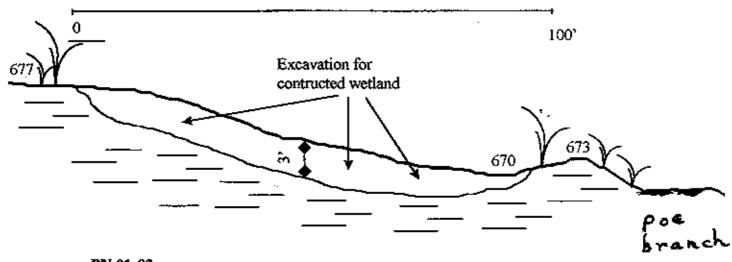




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